

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF SMSGT JEAN J. HAMILTON

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Senior Master Sergeant Jean J. "JJ" Hamilton who passed away on May 10, 2020. Jean enlisted into the Air Force in 1960 and remained for twenty-eight years, dedicating his career to serving our country.

While in the Air Force, Jean was a flight attendant with the Presidential Fleet, serving five Presidents, many dignitaries, and Heads of State. As a Noncommissioned Officer in charge of the VC-137 and VC-135 Flight Attendants of the Presidential support program and as a Flight Examiner, Jean was responsible for over 100 Flight Attendants operating both Air Force One and Air Force Two. Additionally, Jean served in the U.S. State Department as Special Assistant to Secretary James A. Baker in the George H.W. Bush Administration.

Throughout his service, Jean attended the NCO Leadership School, NCO Academy, and the Senior NCO Academy to further his military career. Due to his hard work, leadership, and dedication, Jean received numerous awards while in the Air Force. Jean was honorably discharged on August 1, 1988.

Aside from his military service, Jean was a true family man who dearly loved his wife Mea, children Orlando and Yvonne, and all of his family and friends. He also loved to serve others and was a faithful member to Pastor John A. Cherry, at From the Heart Ministries. Jean served as a chef for the Christian school and was on the Ministry of Helps Committee.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I want to express my condolences, but encourage family, friends, and the community to celebrate the life of Jean Hamilton and his service to this great nation.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
WAYNESBORO

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Rotary Club of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania for its century of service. Chartered on April 22, 1920, the club has marked 100 years of dedication to the Waynesboro community.

During its many years of service, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro has been instrumental in a number of important community achievements, including the organization of a summer youth baseball organization later known as Waynesboro Little League, the initiation of a dental education program in Waynesboro Schools, and the introduction of a community-wide Easter Seals program, among many additional accomplishments. Its long record of service has left a profound legacy in Waynesboro and Franklin County.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank the members of the Rotary Club

of Waynesboro for their tireless commitment and hard work to continue the legacy of this outstanding organization. As the club celebrates its 100th anniversary, I look forward to its many years of service to come and wish these Pennsylvanians every continued success.

RECOGNIZING CRAFT SPIRITS  
WEEK 2020

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Craft Spirits Week to show my support for the more than 2,000 craft distilleries across the United States that support our vibrant tourism and hospitality industries, countless jobs, local farmers and manufacturers, and the larger economy. Vermont is home to a few of these companies and they are a wonderful addition to our vibrant tourism economy.

Recent events surrounding COVID-19 have put an unprecedented burden on our craft distillers. According to a survey conducted by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and American Distilling Institute, approximately 43 percent of distillery employees have been let go or furloughed since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, bringing the average number of a respondent's employees from 14 down to 8. On average, distilleries reported a 64 percent sales decline. Two-thirds of respondents did not believe they will be able to sustain their businesses for more than 6 months, while almost half did not anticipate being able to sustain their businesses for more than 3 months.

Many were forced to close their doors to the public, but instead of closing shop entirely, craft distillers in every single state altered their business plans to help address the nationwide shortage of hand sanitizer. In the greatest time of need, craft distillers showed up for their fellow Americans without hesitation with many even donating their products to first responders. In Vermont, our distilleries pivoted quickly when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and even provided sanitizer to businesses and domestic violence shelters.

The economic hardships caused by this pandemic have been immediate and will last well beyond the end of COVID. The losses they have suffered over the last couple of months can never be fully recouped. That is why we need to come together to support these local businesses.

These businesses don't operate in a vacuum, but in an ecosystem that support dozens of other businesses. The livelihoods of farmers, glass bottle makers, truck drivers, warehouse workers, and countless others connected to the hospitality and tourism industries are also compromised by the challenges confronting the distilled spirits industry. With distilleries located in every state in the nation, this should cause great concern for each member of Congress.

I urge all my colleagues to take time to visit with and talk to the distillers in their districts to show their support for these small businesses during Craft Spirits Week. Distillers, like other businesses, need our support during this time. I look forward to working with my colleagues

as well to support distillers and those in the hospitality sector who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ANDRE MOSES  
WHITE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an accomplished businessman, athlete, artist, and dear friend of longstanding—Mr. Andre Moses White. Sadly, Mr. White passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, from complications with COVID-19. A memorial service honoring his life was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Georgia.

Andre Moses White (affectionately known as "Moses" to his family, friends, and colleagues) was born in Winter Park, Florida, to the union of the late Moses and Lucille White. He was born on October 7, 1944, and was the youngest of three sons.

He attended Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida, and Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida. After graduating high school, he attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), where he received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and played as a Tight End under FAMU's legendary coach, Jake Gaither.

Upon graduation, Moses was drafted by the Denver Broncos, thus beginning his career in the National Football League, where he also played for the San Diego Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Following a career-ending injury, he returned to Tampa, Florida, and became the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County, where he is most well-known for fighting to remove the confederate flag from the county seal—a feat that was finally accomplished in 2015.

Moses continued his father's legacy in food and music by overseeing the family's historic restaurant, Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant, and by working in the entertainment industry alongside icons such as Marvin Gaye and James Brown. Later on, at the age of 71, Moses went on to release two digital singles titled "We're Americans" and "My Man" under the name "Moses White."

After moving to Atlanta in 1988, he and his son, Andre, started The Georgia Sentinel, a progressive news outlet for Atlanta's African American community. While laying his foundation there, he served as the President of the Auburn Avenue Merchants Association, where he re-established the Auburn Avenue Festival (a pre-cursor to Music Midtown), which hosted the return of James Brown and the Famous Flames for a free reunion concert for the community.

Moses cared about his community and was always engaged in organizations that did positive work. His most notable roles were as the Founder and President of the Moses White Foundation, which strives to improve the quality of life for the underprivileged in Tampa through education, community revitalization,